

REMARKS

The "Disposition of Claims" listed in line 4 of the Office Action Summary states that Claims 1-5, 14 and 15 remain pending. However, the Summary of Claims contained in the Office action dated July 16, 2002 appears more accurate, as the applicants canceled Claim 1 in the Response filed July 17, 2000.

Claims 6-13, drawn to a non-elected invention, are withdrawn from further consideration in this application.

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application based on the following remarks.

The rejection of Claims 1-4 and 14 as anticipated by *Koyama* (4,430,436) or *Terahima* (4,839,278) is construed as applying to Claims 2-4 and 14. As thus construed, Claims 2-4 and 14 now depend from Claim 15, which was not included in the rejection based on anticipation by *Koyama* or *Terahima*. Accordingly, this rejection of Claims 2-4 and 14 should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-5 and 14-15 are rejected as clearly anticipated by EP 449,017 (EP '017). This rejection is construed as applying to Claims 2-5, 14 and 15. As thus construed, the rejection is traversed.

The rejection states that EP '017 teaches the claimed weight percentages on page 2, lines 30+. However, that claimed weight is the content of the recited polymer beads, but the description on page 2, lines 30+ of EP '017 relates instead to a polymer-blend film which is used as supports for diagnosis strips. That reference is silent about a reagent layer formed thereon, as required by the dry measuring test device of Claim 15. Furthermore, EP

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'017 is silent about any polymer beads embedding light reflective particles, also as recited in Claim 15.

Given the foregoing omissions from EP '017 of certain elements recited in Claim 15, that claim and the claims dependent therefrom are not anticipated by the reference.

The foregoing is submitted as a complete response to the Office action identified above. This application now should be in condition for allowance and the applicants solicit a notice to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,


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